(d) and (e) Labour Laws as enforced by the State Governments concerned are applicable to SEZs.

Coir exports

185. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coir exports from India have touched an all time high during 2005-06;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the share of Orissa in these exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and b) Yes Sir, the export touched an all time high both quantity-wise and value-wise. The export of coir and coir products during the year 2005-06 amounted to 1,36,027 tonnes valued at Rs. 508.45 crores. The export during the 2004-05 was of the order of 1,22,927 tonnes valued at Rs. 473.40 crores.

(c) The share of Orissa in the export of coir and coir products from India is practically nil.

Negative impact of FTAs

186. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian corporate majors are worried about the negative impact from FTAs between India, ASEAN and West Asian countries apprehending that the FTAs will work against local companies and that they will discourage investment and inflow of new technology into the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's response thereto?